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Svilengrad

1. A Border Guards barracks, comprising two buildings, 20-30 meters long, is located between Svilengrad and five kilometers from the border. 25X1
2. There are three buildings occupied by Border Guards at Svilengrad station. A building, 30-40 meters long in the center is flanked by two smaller buildings. 25X1
3. There is a military camp including four buildings, 15-20 meters in length, located six kilometers northwest of the Svilengrad station, and on the south side of the road. The radar reported on 10 March and 12 May 1954 was no longer visible. At the rear of the buildings, two cross type antennas were observed. 25X1
4. At Lyubimets, the existence of three barracks reported last September is confirmed. 25X1

Kurdzhali

5. Two barracks are located at Kurdzhali. The first is located to the south of the city; the barracks area housing tanks. Seven T 34 tanks were counted, the front portion extending from the hangars which housed them. 25X1
6. The second barracks is an infantry barracks located to the southwest of Kurdzhali. There were about a hundred horse-drawn vehicles in the court of the barracks. On the same day, 120 horses mounted by peasants were observed, each peasant leading a second horse by the halter. This action possibly concerned a requisition or a purchase by the Army, since military personnel surrounded the group.

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Maritsa

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7. A large infantry barracks is located to the northwest of Maritsa (formerly Simeonovgrad), in size corresponding to that of a regiment. The barracks is considerably under strength.

Kharmanli

25X1

8. The following three barracks are located in Kharmanli:
- a. A military building with an armed guard from the Engineers;
  - b. A building to the southeast, apparently housing a headquarters; and
  - c. A barracks to the north, branch of service unspecified.

Stara Zagora

25X1

9. An artillery barracks is located in the west part of Stara Zagora. About a hundred artillerymen in two groups of 40 and 60 were observed.

Nova Zagora

25X1

10. An artillery barracks is located to the north of Nova Zagora. Twelve 76.2 mm. guns and numerous trucks were observed in the court.
11. Between Krumovo and Nova Zagora, a formation of seven 7-34 tanks and three SU 76 self-propelled artillery mounts were observed. Near the station, a SU 76 self-propelled artillery mount was observed.
12. To the southeast of Nova Zagora, a new formation of tanks and SUs were observed, apparently the same as mentioned above.
13. In Nova Zagora, numerous officers and men covered with dust were observed in field uniforms.
14. Maneuvers with armored vehicles apparently occurred this area.

Stanke Dimitrov

25X1

15. At the garrison at Stanke Dimitrov, considerably under strength, the following were observed:
- a. Some artillerymen and infantrymen; and
  - b. Some trucks, [ ] with infantrymen.

25X1

16. A military hospital is located in the center of Stanke Dimitrov near the cathedral.
17. A military building and a small fuel depot (barrels in the open) is located at the north entrance of Stanke Dimitrov.

Samokov

25X1

18. A large modern barracks with a large courtyard and some 2-story buildings, is located in the middle of a pine woods at the west entrance of Samokov. It appears to be an artillery barracks, but only trucks were observed.
19. There is little activity in the barracks at the south side of Samokov. Tanks and guns reported on 27 September 1954 were no longer there.
20. The Interior Troops camp to the south of Samokov is still unoccupied.

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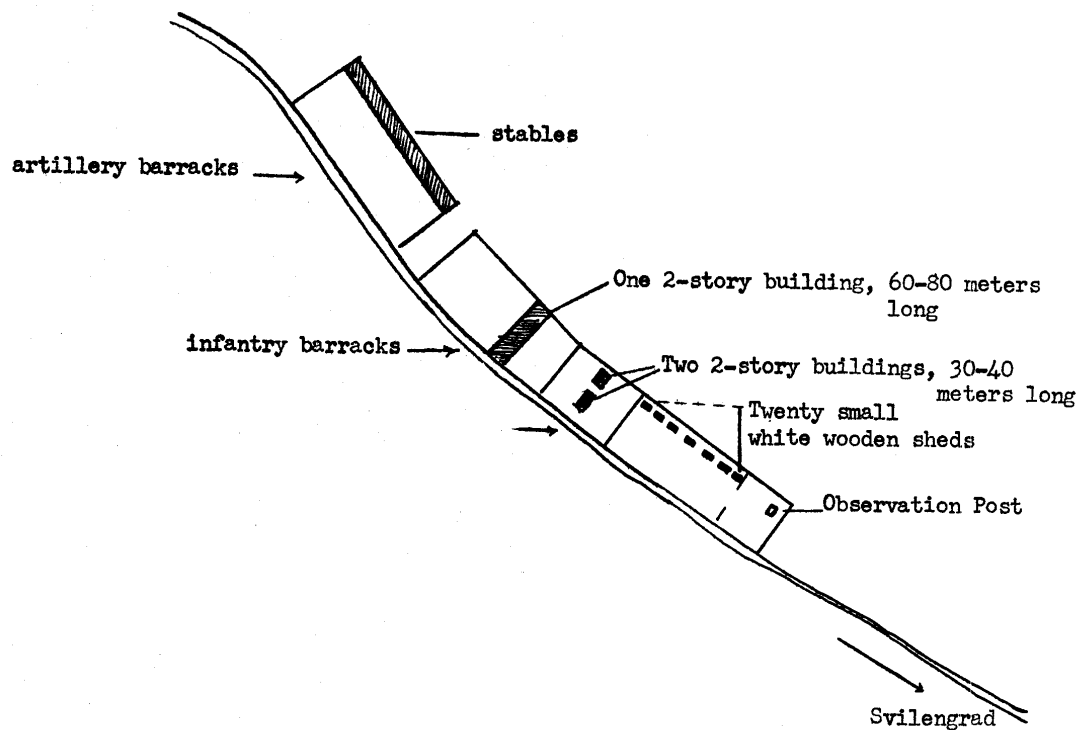
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Garrison at Svilengrad



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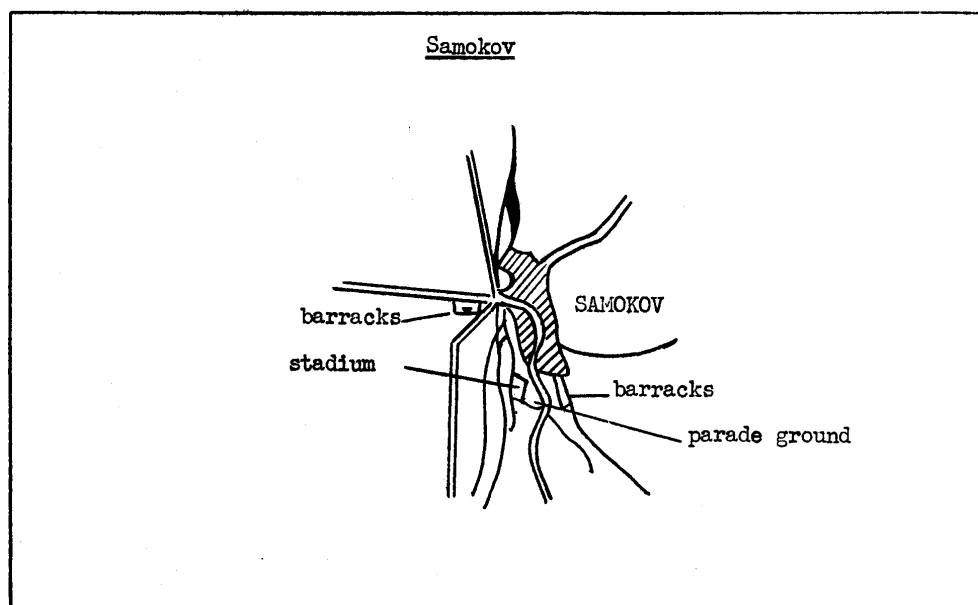
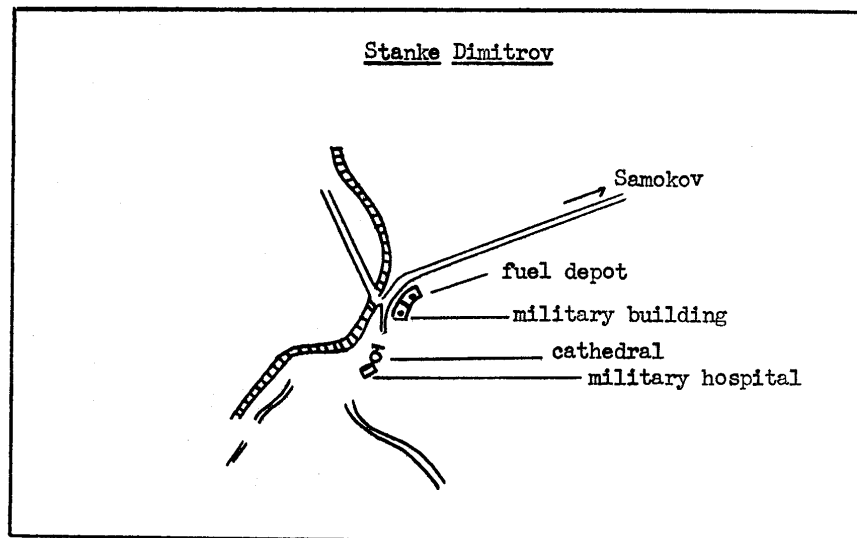
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Garrisons



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